

WV 14 PIKE STREET WIDENING AND ADD LANES
FROM 26TH AVENUE TO BLIZZARD DRIVE
State Project Number: U354-14-9.23 00
Federal Project Number: STP-0014(174)D
City of Parkersburg, Wood County

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

4:00 PM- 7:00 PM

DATE MARCH 23, 2021

WELCOME!

Thank you for participating in the Public information meeting for the WV 14 (Pike Street) widening and add lanes Project in Parkersburg, WV. This meeting is being hosted by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) to present the preliminary design for the project and to collect public opinion and comments on the plan. There is a comment sheet available on the final page of this handout. Please submit your comments at the meeting, by mail, or via the WVDOH website at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.

This meeting complies with the public involvement requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Recorded presentations will be given at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE / NEED

This project has been part of three studies. The first was the WV 14 Corridor Management Plan that studied the area between the Pettyville Bypass to Downtown Parkersburg in 2016. The second study was the Pettyville to Downtown Parkersburg Operational Improvements Preliminary Investigation and Engineering (PIE) Study from Blizzard Drive to the Pettyville Bypass dated April 12, 2019, that included a detailed investigation of the section of WV 14 (Pike Street) between Blizzard Drive and 26th Avenue and different alternatives to address congestion within this section. The third study was the 2020 Traffic Memo looking at the Level of Service (LOS) at three major intersections, Pike Street at Blizzard Avenue/Broadway Avenue/21st Avenue; Pike Street at Gihon Road/Rayon Drive; and Pike Street/26th Avenue. All of the reports identified congestion as the primary need for the project.

These reports looked at four alternatives, no build and three build alternatives.

Alternative 1 – Generally maintain the current center line of the road and widen to both sides.

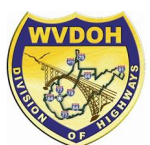
Alternative 2 – Generally maintain the western curb line and widen to the east.

Alternative 3 – Generally maintain the eastern curb line and widen to the west.

Alternative 4 – No Build- no changes to the current roadway and intersections.

Each of the Build Alternatives evaluated a roundabout and a signal at the Pike Street/Gihon Road/Rayon Drive and the Pike Street/Blizzard Drive/Broadway/21st Avenue intersections.

Alternative 1 was selected as the preferred alternative—widening to both sides of WV 14, generally maintaining the current centerline of the road. While this alternative impacts properties on both sides of Pike Street, the amount of land needed from each property is less, which minimizes the number of business displacements. The



evaluation also determined that a roundabout at Pike Street/Blizzard Drive and a signal at Pike Street/Gihon Road/Rayon Drive offered better traffic movement in the design year of 2042.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



The proposed project will extend 0.49 miles with pavement improvements starting at the Pike Street/26th Avenue intersection and proceed north to the Blizzard Drive/Broadway Avenue/Pike Street/21st Avenue intersection. Pike Street will be widened from the current 3 lanes to five lanes. The wider Pike Street will consist of the following: a 5'-0" sidewalk, curb and gutter, 12'-0" lane, 11'-0" lane, 14'-0" two-way left-turn lane, 11'-0" lane, 12'-0" lane, curb and gutter, and 5'-0" sidewalk. The outside 12'-0" lanes and 2'-0" gutters will be able to accommodate an unmarked bicycle lane. The Blizzard Drive/Broadway Avenue/ Pike Street/ 21st Avenue intersection will be a five-legged roundabout, while the Pike Street/Gihon Road/Rayon Drive intersection will remain signalized. Rayon Drive will have a right turn only lane added. The length of the turning lanes will be increased on Gihon Road. Dedicated left turn only lanes will be maintained on all approaches to the signal. No significant changes are planned at the 26th Avenue/Pike Street intersection and the other minor street intersections will generally remain the same. Driveway adjustments will be required to accommodate the widening. The attached aerial maps show the preliminary layout of the roadway and intersection improvements.

Maintenance of Traffic During Construction

The detailed design has not begun but the intent is to keep one lane open in each direction during construction. This may require phasing the construction by widen Pike Street to one side at a time. Access to businesses and residences will also be maintained. How traffic will be maintained during construction will be described in the detailed design plans. The construction of the roundabout may require temporary road closures while the roads that tie into the roundabout are slightly realigned, and the lanes of the roundabout are constructed. Roundabouts are usually constructed in phases to maintain some traffic movements through the intersection.

PROJECT IMPACTS AND SCHEDULE

The preliminary design has identified approximately 35 parcels where permanent right-of-way will be required for the widening of the roadways. Temporary right of way will also be required for an additional 20 parcels for grading behind the sidewalks and intersection roads and driveway tie-ins. Potentially 3 businesses may be displaced. **The design is preliminary, and right-of-way needs will be determined during the final design.**

SCHEDULE

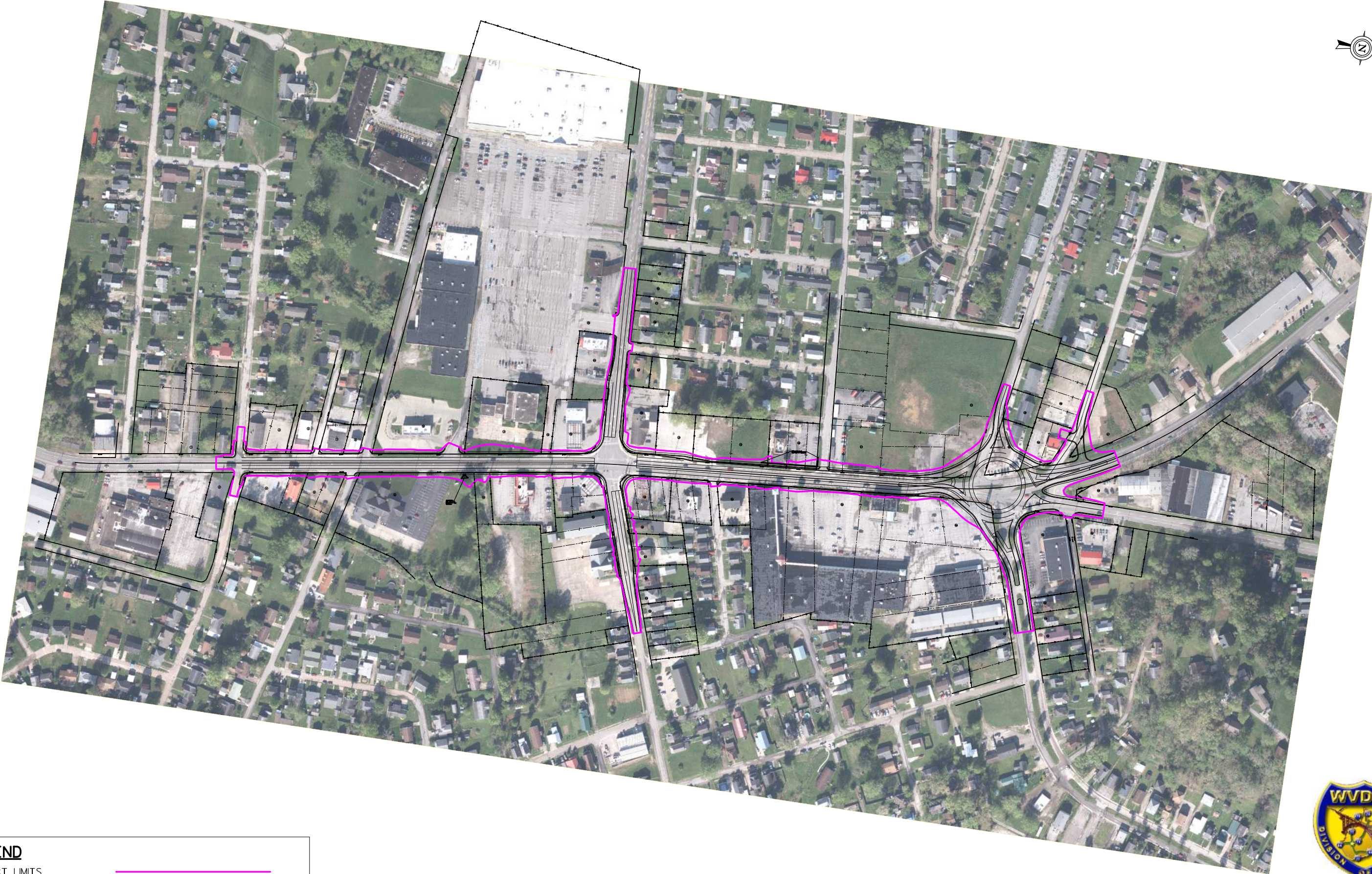
Public Meeting	March 23, 2021
Comment Period Ends	April 23, 2021
Start Detailed Design	Early Summer 2021*
Environmental Clearance	Early Winter 2021*
Right of Way Acquisition	Spring 2022*
Project Letting	Fall 2023*
Construction Begins	Late 2023*

* Subject to change

Comments are Due April 23, 2021 and should be sent to the following:

MR. RJ Scites, P.E., Director Engineering Division
West Virginia Division of Highways
1334 Smith Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
Or electronically at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>

Thank you for your interest and participation.



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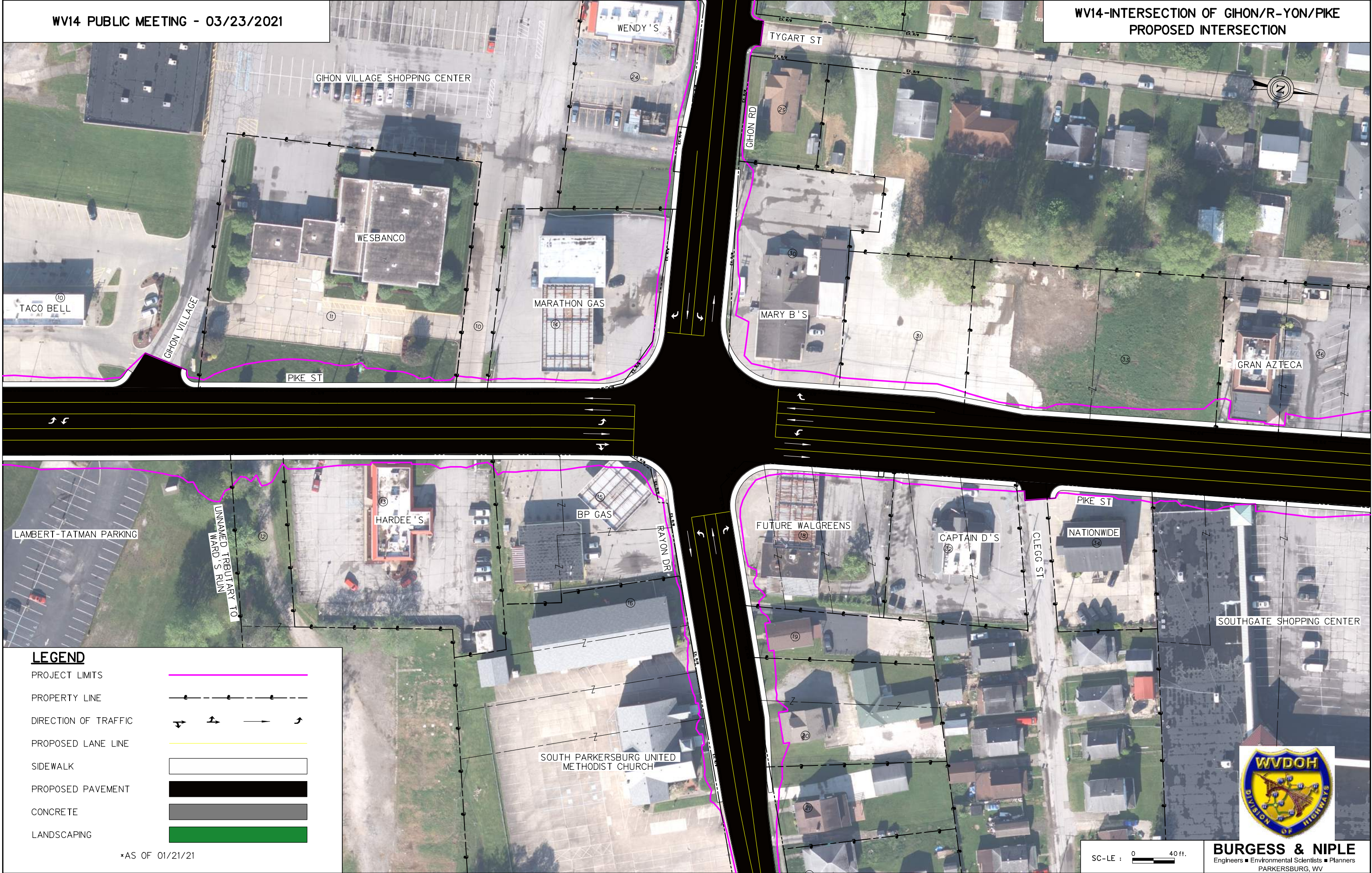
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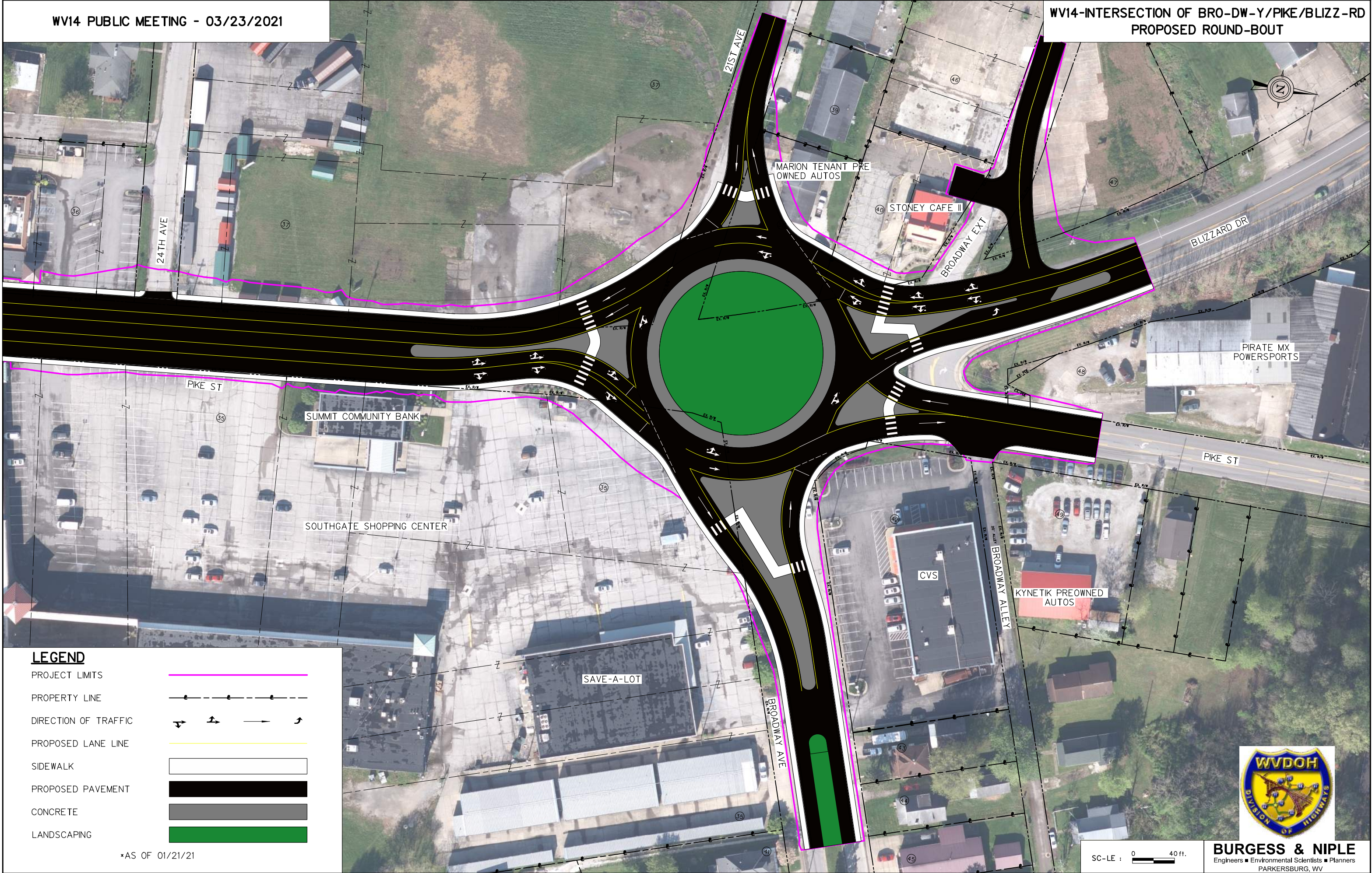
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- PROPOSED LANE LINE
- SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- CONCRETE
- LANDSCAPING

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COMMENTS DUE BY April 23, 2021

Please consider the following comments:

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